



PATENT

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: **Chorley et al.**

Examiner: **D. Lee**

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For: **SECURITY THREAD**

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.115

The following remarks are responsive to the Official Action dated April 29, 2002.

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Unchanged) A security thread comprising a magnetic layer sandwiched between protective layers, wherein at least one of the protective layers comprises a piezoelectric polymer.
2. (Unchanged) The security thread of claim 1 wherein the piezoelectric polymer layer has poled and unpoled regions forming a binary or tertiary code.
3. (Amended) The security thread of claim 1 or 2 wherein a pair of the protective layers, one on either side of the magnetic layer, is a piezoelectric layer.

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